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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from March 15 to April 15 are listed below. These projects have been screened through the internal environmental review process for potential impacts on wetlands, threatened and endangered species, and cultural and archaeological resources, etc. Through the review process it was determined that environmental impacts have been kept to a minimum and mitigated as necessary, that they do not meet the criteria for significant actions as defined in the environmental review process, and may proceed. All of these projects are in compliance with the Endangered Species Protection Act, Natural Areas Preservation Act, Interagency Wetlands Policy Act and cultural resource statutes.

Jubilee College State Park

1005913 – This project involves constructing a shallow water crossing with geo-web and to build a wooden bridge at a larger crossing. Project was submitted for review on 2-1-10.

Hennepin Canal Parkway

1006873 – This project involves the installation of a memorial park bench at the Bridge 36, Lock 24 area. Project was submitted for review on 3-2-10.

I&M Canal State Trail

1006264 – This project involves roof rehabilitation of the Channahon Locktender's House. Project was submitted for review on 2-11-10.

· Hennepin Canal Parkway

1007526 - This project involves installation of an informational sign at the Illinois Route 67 bridge access area. Project was submitted for review on 3-22-10.

Lowden State Park

1006540 – This project involves reconstructing an existing stairway extending from the Taft Statue to the base of the hillside. Project was submitted for review on 2-18-10.

White Pines State Park

1006543 - This project involves repairing Pines Road's ditch/drainage problems and past erosion zones. Project was submitted for review on 2-18-10.

Chain O'Lakes State Park

1003429 – This project involves restoring wetlands at the junction-the "peninsula"- of the Fox River and the boat channel for Maple Grove Boat Access Area that were damaged by floods in 2008. Sediment deposited in the boat channel during and since the floods will be mechanically dredged. Excavated sediment will be placed on an upland area on existing park land that was previously used as a borrow site Project was submitted for review on 10-22-09.

Chain O'Lakes State Park

0907100 - This project involves construction of an emergent wetland island, south of the US12 Bridge adjacent to the existing Trinsky's Island. Initially the site would function as a sediment storage and dewatering facility to store dredged sediments recovered during maintenance dredging activities. Upon filling the site would be converted into emergent wetland habitat. Project was submitted for review on 3-18-09.

Tunnel Hill State Trail

1005311 - This project involves maintenance of the 45 mile bicycling/hiking trail built on the abandoned Norfolk Southern Railroad through Saline, Williamson, Johnson, and Pulaski counties. The project will provide tree trimming of encroaching vegetation, removal of select trees that are causing the most severe drainage problems, removal of debris adjacent to or near structures (culverts and bridges), repair trail surfacing where needed, re-grade ditch profiles where needed to achieve positive drainage. Project was submitted for review on 12-17-09.

Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park

1007402 – This project involves installation of a park bench at the east end of lake. Project was submitted for review on 3-15-10.

Giant City State Park

1007620 – This project involves a small addition to the horse trail system at Giant City. Project was submitted for review on 3-23-10.

Stephen A. Forbes State Park

1007618 – This project involves replacing the existing trailer sewage dump station and fish cleaning station at the Class A Campground at the site. Project was submitted for review on 3-11-10.

· Freeman Mine State Habitat Area

1007403 – This project involves the placement of two culverts to provide access to waterfowl and upland hunting program areas. Project was submitted for review on 3-15-10.

· Chouteau Island

1007347 – This project involves construction of an 18-20 foot wide aggregate roadway (approx. 1 mile long) along the western edge of the COE's Chain of Rocks Levee at Chouteau Island. Project was submitted for review on 3-23-10.

Clinton Lake State Recreation Area

1007399 – This project involves construction of small shallow ephemeral wetlands. Project was submitted for review on 3-9-10.

Franklin Creek State Natural Area

1007400 – This project involves replacing a concrete pier which supports the handicapped fishing pier. Project was submitted for review on 3-11-10.

Illinois Beach State Park

1007824 — This project involves installing a new underground electric supply from the existing concession buildings service panel to a new outlet located next to the main beach parking lot. Project was submitted for review on 3-23-10.

Havana Field Headquarters

1007360 — This project involves replacement of approximately 100 feet of the existing seawall that has failed. The asphalt parking lot will also be repaired. Project was submitted for review on 3-8-10.

Volo Bog State Natural Area

1007813 – This project involves demolition of three structures or their remnants on the recently acquired Roskie Parcel. Project was submitted for review on 3-26-10.

Hennepin Canal State Parkway

1006531 – This project involves replacing a county bridge which crosses over the canal and provide improved access to the south side of the canal where a resident has access to their property via the canal towpath trail. Project was submitted for review on 2-19-10.

Questions and Comments

All questions and comments about the environmental review process or this newsletter should be directed to:

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